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The reply filed on 12/16/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):


Applicant adds new claims 17-44 and does not particularly point out the patentable novelty thereof; therefore, the reply is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action in accordance with MPEP § 714.02 – 714.04. In responding to this letter, applicant should note that while an argument was provided for claim 9 which is drawn to an apparatus, claims 27-44 are drawn to methods, claims 18-26 do not include the apparatus limitation argued with respect to claim 9, and claims 36-44 do not include a method limitation that can be construed as corresponding to the limitation argued with respect to claim 9. It is noted that claim 17 is dependent on claim 9, thus applicant may rely on dependency. It is noted that claims 27-35 include a method limitation that can be construed as corresponding to the limitation argued with respect to claim 9.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to W. R. Young whose telephone and VoiceMail number is (703) 308-1554. If a plurality of attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doris To, can be reached on (703) 305-4827.

The appropriate fax phone number for the organization (Group 2650) where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700 or the Group Customer Service section whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.


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